

THE ESTANCIA NEWS.

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NUMBER 1.

ANOTHER GOOD RAIN FOR VALLEY

Whole Valley Drenched by Down
Pour Sunday Night

On last Sunday night the valley was drenched with a splendid downpour of rain, lasting almost all night and part of Monday morning. The rain did not fall in torrents, but a slow steady rain, all the moisture going into the ground. The precipitation as recorded at the local weather station was one and one-third inches. This puts the grand into first class shape for breaking and everyone who is not rushed with other work is already talking of plowing. The more soil that can be turned up now, the greater will the harvest be next season.

An Exhibit For El Paso.

The people of the Estancia Valley have not made a greater mistake than by not sending an exhibit to the territorial fair at Albuquerque last week. With the idea prevailing throughout at least parts of the territory that crops have been a total failure throughout the valley, no surer or better method of counteracting this idea could have been found than to have made an exhibit. With no exhibit, the people naturally think we had nothing to display. Different ones of our people, who were at the Fair have stated that the small display at the Estancia Savings Bank is in many respects better than anything that was seen in Albuquerque.

Our people should get busy and see that an exhibit worthy the name and fame of the Estancia Valley is sent to the El Paso Fair the first of next month. We have the products, and with a little trouble and expense a very creditable display can be made. The displaying of an exhibit of Estancia Valley potatoes alone, would do a great deal towards opening a market for this staple, which is grown in such abundance here.

Examination For Rangers.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for Forest Rangers in the various States and territories where National Forests are situated, on Monday and Tuesday, October 25 and 26. In New Mexico the examination will be held at various cities Roswell, Albuquerque, and Santa Fe among the list. Any of our young men caring to take the examination should make application to the Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C., for blanks and further information.

Silver Medal Contest.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. are preparing for a Silver Medal Contest, in which a number of the young ladies of Estancia will participate. The young Misses are training each afternoon after school and are reported to be quite proficient. The exact date of the contest has not been announced, but will be ere long. The program promises to be entertaining and instructive. Due notice of the time will be given through these columns.

There will be a meeting of the Westminster Circle with Mrs. Mason next Wednesday afternoon.

Some Spuds.

J. M. Milburn, who lives about six miles northwest of Estancia, on what has been known as the McGillivray ranch, brought in a sample of potatoes, now on display at the Estancia Saving Bank, which are declared by all who have seen them to be the largest ever. In the exhibit were twenty-eight potatoes, the whole weighing forty-nine pounds, or one and three-fourths pounds each. Several of the specimens weigh more than two pounds each. The potatoes are nice and smooth, and as firm and well matured as could be wished. Six weeks ago Mr. Milburn did not think he would get his seed back, and was as discouraged as anyone could be. But continual working of the crop throughout the dry weather, brought the result, as it always will. The potatoes are of the Colorado red variety. Mr. Milburn has about twenty acres in potatoes, and will reap a small sized fortune from the crop.

Hallowe'en Supper.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church will serve supper on Hallowe'en, at the Bennett Cafe building. The menu will consist of doughnuts and coffee, apples and pumpkin pie. The ladies have arranged to have a real gypsy on hand to read the future for any of the young people caring to know what is in store for them. Word has already been received from her to the effect that she will arrive on the noon train, Saturday, October 30, and will not disappoint them. Supper will be served from 5 p. m. until about 11 p. m. Price of supper is fifteen cents, which includes the fortunetelling and all the good things.

Romero Making Flooring.

The Romero Planing Mill is about ready to begin running regularly, the various machines having been tested and placed in running order. Mr. Romero has an order for flooring which he is now filling the planer being at work on this job today.

An order for a car load of apple boxes is waiting to be filled as soon as the mill is ready. A car load of rough lumber has been shipped this week to Santa Fe to be used in the Arroyo Hondo dam, just south of the capital city.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Leader—Jessie Jackson.
Subject—"What Jesus Taught About Profanity."

Song Service.

Prayer.

Scripture Reading—Matt. 5: 33-48.

Song.

Paper—"Is it Ever Right to Take an Oath."—Mrs. J. W. Collier.

Talk on Swearing—Mr. Will Fieldin.

Talk—"What About Those Who Swear Because of Mere Habit."—Miss Carrie Menkemeyer.

Paper—"What is Meant by 'Blasphemy' Against The Holy Ghost."—Miss Annie Porter.

Song.

Benediction.

Communion Services will be held at the M. E. Church Sunday morning. Rev. J. R. Carter will preach. All are invited.

BALLOON PASSES OVER VALLEY

Albuquerque Aeronauts Land
near Lucia

The Blondin-Stamm balloon was sighted by our people on Tuesday just about noon, rising over the Sandias mountains, and passing in a southeasterly direction. Messrs. Blondin and Stamm of Albuquerque left that day shortly before noon, their destination being Denver, Colorado. At the rate they passed over the valley they should reach the capitol of Colorado in good time, should success be assured.

Later: The balloon after being driven southeasterly over the valley made an abrupt decent near the foot of the Paderal mountains, north of Lucia, at 1:25 p. m. The aeronauts were in the air about two and a half hours, during which time they must have traveled nearly one hundred miles. They mounted to almost 13,000 feet at one time in their flight.

Wednesday Louis Pachman came in from the ranch of Angus McGillivray bringing with him Messrs. Stamm and Blondin, who made their landing in the vicinity of the McGillivray ranch. The gentlemen returned to Albuquerque on the afternoon train.

Radishes Worth While

The News editor on Tuesday brought in from his ranch a sample of winter radishes which attracted no little attention. Of the six, one measured 5 1/2 inches in length and 1 1/2 inches in circumference, weighing two and a half pounds. The others were not quite so large, averaging a pound and a half each. These radishes are neither strong nor pithy, having grown rapidly. Sheriff Meyer wanted a couple of them to use as "billies" in the adisce of something better.

250 Good Stories

The Youth's Companion abounds in stirring stories of adventure and heroism. One may describe an escape from accidental peril, another a strange encounter with wild creatures—man or beast.

Many of these stories are true as to facts, and only disguised as to names and places. A score or more of such stories will be published during 1910 in addition to nearly 200 others—250 good stories in all, and no two alike.

And this is not counting the serial stories, which it is believed will be considered by old Companion readers as the best The Companion has ever published.

Every new subscriber will find

it of special advantage to send at once the \$1.75 for the new 1910 Volume. Not only does he get the beautiful "Venetian" Calendar for 1910, lithographed in thirteen colors and gold, but all the issues of the Companion for the remaining weeks of 1909, from the time the subscription is received.

The Youth's Companion,
Champion Building,
Boston, Mass.

New Subscriptions received at
this office.

Eyesight Specialist

Dr. James B. Williams, Eyesight Specialist from Santa Fe, will be in Estancia, Friday, October, 29, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. at the Valley Hotel.

School Enrollment Growing.

The enrollment in the local schools has been growing weekly, the several rooms being taxed to care for the pupils. This, the seventh week of school shows an enrollment of 182 pupils, in charge of the various teachers as follows:

Mrs. Edna Ford, 49; Miss Minnie Laws, 45; Miss Zella Roberts, 35; Miss Nell Bigbee, 36; T. N. Russell 17.

The work of the school is progressing nicely, both teachers and pupils taking keen interest, success being assured.

The Cost of Crime

The Grand Jury of Eddy County in making its final report to the District Court last week, showed the cause of crime and made a comparison between two cities of that county in regard to the expense of maintaining the courts, which proves very interesting reading. We quote a part of the report:

The grand jurors have made an investigation as to the cause of crime within the county and to such an extent as allowed in the limited time for so doing. We find that more than one-half of the crime committed within the County of Eddy is a direct result of the liquor traffic, and while we appreciate that the expense of the county of the prosecution of offences is inconsiderable in comparison with the evil

of having such crime committed within this district, yet from this standpoint we call the court's attention to the liquor traffic is a very unprofitable one

from a financial point of view notwithstanding the license paid.

For a comparison, we will take the towns of Carlsbad and Artesia, each of said towns, being about the same population. The town of Artesia has prohibited the liquor traffic within the limits thereof. The town of Carlsbad has three saloons. In the town of Carlsbad for the quarter ending July 1, the expenses to the county for justice of the peace fees alone were \$158.45. For the same period the expenses to the county for justice of the peace fees were \$234.75, and for the town of Artesia were nothing.

We further find that the expense to the county by reason of the justice of the peace fees is not the only expenses connected with the offenses tried in that court, but that the additional burden is placed upon the county of boarding prisoners sentenced in the justice of the peace court for petty offenses,

and we respectfully call the attention of the people of Carlsbad

to this condition of affairs and recommend that the board of trustees of the town of Carlsbad submit to the voters of that town the proposition of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within its limits.

Hallowe'en Dance.

On Saturday night, October 30th, the Estancia Symphony Orchestra will give a grand ball at Walker Hall, to which the young people are invited. Everything

possible will be done to insure a pleasant evening for those attending, good music and a good floor being insured. The usual admission will be charged, gentlemen one dollar, ladies free.

Procedimientos Oficiales de los Comisionados del Condado

(Continuacion)

Una petición firmada por Glen H. Owens, siendo debidamente juramentada, los comisionados concedieron la petición y ordenaron al escribano de notificar al tesorero y colector de cancelar las tasaciones del libro de amillaramiento de 1908.

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tas no estuvieron juramentadas según la ley.

La cuenta de W. C. Brown en la suma de \$46 fue rechazada por el cuerpo.

La cuenta de R. E. Barrow en la suma de \$207 fue rechazada por el cuerpo.

La cuenta de la compañía, Estancia Telephone Co., en la suma de \$1.15 fue rechazada por el cuerpo.

La cuenta de J. R. Wash en la suma de \$2 fue rechazada por el cuerpo.

La cuenta de S. B. Janes, agrimensor del condado, para la agrimensura del distrito escolar de Lucia fue rechazada por el cuerpo.

Resolucion.

Ahora Comisionado Pedro Lucero y Torres introdujo la siguiente resolucion, la cual fue adoptada unanimemente como sigue:

Por cuento, durante los trimestres, cerrándose el dia 31 de Marzo y el dia 30 de Junio, 1909, respectivamente, ordenes han sido jiradas para pagar cuentas del fondo de casa de corte y carcel y del fondo de caminos y puentes, y cargadas al fondo general del condado.

Résuelvase por este cuerpo, que el tesorero y colector del condado de Torrance sea ordenado de transferir del fondo de casa de corte y carcel, y del fondo general del condado las sumas correspondientes según la ley.

Orden.

Territorio de Nuevo Mexico | ss
Condado de Torrance

A. M. A. Atkinson, tesorero y ex-oficio colector por el condado y territorio ante dicho.

Señor: Vd. esta por este ordenado de transferir del fondo de casa de corte y carcel al fondo general del condado la suma de \$648.00 y del fondo de caminos y puentes al fondo general del condado la suma de \$271.00.

Testifica mi puro y sello del cuerpo de comisionados del condado ordeno una prorroga hasta el dia 6 de Octubre, 1909 a las 8 de la mañana.

Session de la Manana.

El cuerpo de comisionados del condado se reunieron como prorroga este dia 6 de Octubre, 1909 a las 8 de la mañana con todos los oficiales presentes.

El cuerpo ordeno al escribano de comunicar con el escribano del cuerpo en la penitenciaría de Nuevo Mexico, pidiendo que el provee por esta oficina, una cuenta detallada, siendo el reclamo en contra de este condado por los prisioneros del condado de Torrance en la penitenciaría de Nuevo Mexico del 1ro de Enero, 1909 hasta la fecha y así fue ordenado.

El reclamo de la Compañía, The New Mexican Printing Company, en contra del condado en la suma de \$165.09 fue presentado y rechazado por el cuerpo.

La cuenta de P. A. Speckman en contra del condado por la publicación de la llamada para ofertas de los bonos de Lucia en la suma de \$2.46 fue rechazada por el cuerpo.

La cuenta de A. A. Bales, en contra del fondo de animales sylvestres, en la suma de \$20 fue rechazada por el cuerpo.